



## **IDENTIFYING THE INFLUENTIAL FACTORS FOR ECONOMICALLY EMPOWERMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS: A CASE STUDY FROM ALAIYADIVEMBU D.S, AKKARAIPATTU**

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Disabled person is someone who has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. There are 549,422 of disabled people are estimated to live in Sri Lanka. The needs of disabled people could become a more important component in operations when they are included in the initial analysis for country programming. For that the needs of people with disabilities have to be identified earlier in the operational cycle, project activities with a disability dimension. So, identifying the factors affected for the economically empowerment of disabled persons was the main objective of this study. In order to achieve this objective the data were collected through both methods; primary and secondary. Primary data is collected by the interview method through questionnaire using the multi stage cluster sampling method and 150 samples were selected from the 22 G.N divisions of the certain D.S division in *Alaiyadivembu* Divisional Secretariat and secondary data is collected from the related documents of the *Alaiyadivembu* Divisional Secretariat. Disabled persons whose age above 14 are only selected for this study as that is the minimum age of a person who is able to attain a job. Data is analyzed through the Chi-square method while employment status of the person taken as the dependent variable. The study found that 46% of the disabled persons are economically empowered while 54% of them are not economically empowered according to the sample. Also, almost all the disabled persons (approximately 91%) are living at home except 9% of them who lives in the orphanages. One of the major finding is that the economically empowerment of the disabled person is depend upon their gender, age, educational level, residential sectors, vocational trainings that they have and various aids provided to them except the living place, race and religion.

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